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SUBJ: WORKING GROUP ON WORLD FOOD COUNCIL (WFC) RULES OF PROCEDURE: TACTICS IN DEALING WITH REPORTED POSSIBLE GROUP 77 PROPOSALS TO STRENGTHEN ROLE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANIZATION (FAO)

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1. CAMARA OF GUINEA REPORTEDLY WILL ASK FOR ADJOURNMENT OF WFC WORKING GROUP AT 11:00 A.M. ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, TO PERMIT GROUP 77 CONSULTATIVE MEETING TO BE HELD (ON PROPOSALS REPORTEDLY GIVEN GROUP 77 BY NEW FAO DIRECTOR-GENERAL SAOUMA THAT WOULD STRENGTHEN ROLE OF FAO). US REP TO FAO RECOMMENDS THAT WE, OR ANOTHER WEO COUNTRY WITH OUR SUPPORT RAISE FORMAL OBJECTIONS ON GROUNDS THIS WOULD DELAY LONG-SCHEDULED MEETING, AND GROUP CONSULTATIONS SHOULD BE HELD SO AS NOT TO CONFLICT WITH SCHEDULED INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES.

2. THIS WOULD LAY FOUNDATION, IF GROUP 77 NONETHELESS PREVAILS IN OBTAINING ADJOURNMENT AND THEN DOES SUBMIT REPORTED NEW
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PROPOSALS, FOR WEO COUNTRIES TO CALL, IF DESIRED, FOR ADJOURNMENT

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FOR CONSULTATIVE MEETING OF OECD/DAC COUNTRIES, OR FOR DELAY
IN DISCUSSION TO PERMIT TIME TO CONSULT CAPITALS ON NEW PROPOSALS.

3. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO GIVE THOUGHT TO PROBLEM OF TERMINATING WORKING GROUP MEETING, IF GROUP 77 DOES ENDORSE NEW PROPOSALS GIVEN THEM BY FAO DIRECTOR-GENERAL. IF GROUP 77 DOES PRESENT THESE NEW PROPOSALS, IT WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR WFC WORKING GROUP TO COMPLETE ITS WORK WITHIN SCHEDULED WEEK. GROUP 77 MIGHT SEEK TO EXTEND SESSION INTO WEEK-END OR EVEN DURING JANUARY 26-27, NOW THAT IFAD MEETING HAS BEEN MOVED BACK TO JANUARY 28. VOLPE

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